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Current Waterside Mall Shop Owners Want to Stay

by Carole Early

The shop owners came out in great numbers to the SWNA meeting on Nov. 26th. They had been



See page 3 on the S.W. Waterfront.

invited to attend by Margaret Feldman. The subject was the re-development of Waterside Mall with a presentation by Gretchen Dudney of the Kaempfer Company who is working in conjunction with the Forest City Enterprises to redevelop the project. The project will be renamed Waterfront.

All of the WM Tenants who attended the meeting, expressed the desire to remain while the project is being built and to be a part of it when it is finished. Safeway, CVS and the bank are guaranteed places at Waterfront. This is not true of the smaller tenants even though these people all talked about their commitment to the neighborhood and spoke fondly of Southwest.

Over twenty years ago, Jenny of Jenny's Restaurant took members of the Police Boys & Girls Club to Taiwan. One day after Senate Cleaners closed, Sun, the owner found a missing uniform & took it to the customer who was going out-of-town the next day.

We heard many stories like these. They said over and over that they feel like a part of the community. Mr. Mosley of Kaempfer Co. said that after the meeting they became very well aware of the desires

of the tenants and that they were working on ways of finding interim space for the shop owners—however, no promises could be made.

When asked by this reporter if they had considered alternate plans such as the MIT proposal which called for an atrium with stores on either side but did not call

for opening up 4th Street, he replied that an agreement in principle has been reached with the City for 4th Street to be opened to traffic.

If anyone has any questions, they should call Art Mosley at 202/778-6263. ■

King-Greenleaf Pom Poms Win Event



King-Greenleaf's Pom Pom team won first place for their age group in Ward One and Two. In their next performance they will have red, white and blue outfits provided by the S.W. Youth Activities Task Force.

SW/SE Saved From 4-Story Billboards

A bill that would have allowed billboards to be transferred to SW and SE waterfront areas has been revised to save our area from these eyesores, according to ANC 2D Chair Andy Litsky.

The Washington Business Journal in November had reported:

"Zoning laws prohibit billboards in historic districts and in the central business district, but the proposed [bill before the council] means the four-story advertising signs could appear in Southwest, in Southeast near the Navy Yard and Southeast Federal Center..."

Litsky called attention to the ANC's opposition in a letter to 6th Ward Council Member Sharon Ambrose, saying:

"We are currently spending much of our time planning for a billion dollar Waterfront Revitalization...What a

shame to clutter up the most promising new developments in the City of Washington with multi-story Pepsi and NIKE billboards." ■



Shalom Baranes, architect, explains plans of Kaempfer Co. for revising Waterside Mall.

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Ron Collins Appointed By Mayor

Mayor Anthony A. Williams announced today that he has named Ronald R. Collins to be the director of the Office of Boards and Commissions. A lawyer, Collins has extensive experience in municipal public policy in the areas of contracting and procurement, health and human services, and systems management. In his new position, Collins will be responsible for facilitating the Mayor's appointments of residents to the District's numerous boards and commissions.

"Given his extensive experience working for the District government and his demonstrated interest in community service, Ron Collins understands the important role that appointed commissioners play in municipal government and is well-qualified to assist me in seating qualified and interested individuals on our city's boards," said Mayor Williams.

Prior to his appointment, Collins served as the senior policy officer in the DC Office of Contracting and Procurement. He has also served as the Agency Chief Contracting Officer for DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services, the Chief of Staff and Agency Chief Con-

Southwest Community Calendar

Through January, 2002

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- DEC. 20 THURS.** Chamber Music, 7:30 p.m. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th & Maine Ave. S.W.
- JAN. 5 SAT.** PSA 110 Walkathon with police, 11 am - 240 M St. S.W.
- JAN. 7 MON.** SWNA Board, Waterside Mall, 7 pm
- JAN. 8 TUES.** Citizens Advisory Council, Police Hdqtrs. 415 4th St. S.W., 7 pm
- JAN. 9 WED** WWCA meeting at Harbor Patrol, 6th & Water St. 7 pm
- JAN. 14 MON.** Advisory Neighborhood Commission (number changed to ANC6D), 7 pm, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) St. S.W.
- JAN. 28 MON.** Public meeting of Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc. 7:30 pm, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd & M St. S.W.

WEEKLY & BIWEEKLY MEETINGS

Komen Toastmasters, 10 am First & Third Sat., SW Branch Library, 900 Wesley Pl. S.W.

Fil-Am Toastmasters, 6:45 pm Second and Fourth Wed., SW Branch Library, 900 Wesley Pl. S.W.

School Street Toastmasters, noon, every Tuesday, 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 88

S.W. Kiwanis, Every Monday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, SE University, 6th and I (Eye) St. S.W.

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wed. Jan. 9 to C.W. Hargrave 554-8284.

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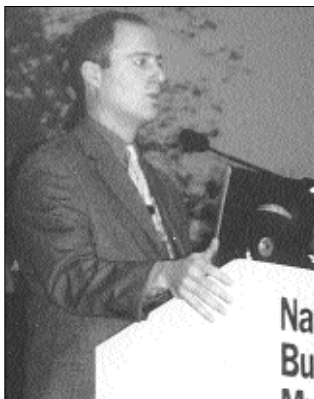
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Waterfront Underutilized

On their website www.btagroup.com, Bing Thom Architects, Inc., consultants mainly responsible for planning a new Southwest Waterfront, describe the plan they are preparing. They say:

"The Southwest Waterfront Plan for Washington, D.C., is a part of a larger initiative, called the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative (AWI) designed to re-vitalize the City's waterfront resources and to establish Washington D.C. as a great American waterfront city. Today, the Southwest Waterfront is disconnected formally and functionally from the National Mall, by the existing street and highway system. The combination of limited site access and lack of existing waterfront development has resulted in a grossly underutilized waterfront.

Southwest Waterfront, which stretches from the Tidal Basin to Buzzard Point, is a waterfront worthy of Washington, D.C., the nation's capital. In a city composed of monumental buildings, grand vistas and grand gestures, the Waterfront acts as a companion to the National Mall. The Mall is a gesture for the nation, providing a setting for the country's institutions and houses of government. The Southwest Waterfront Plan is a civic gesture, creating a place where the fabric of the City will join the waterfront resulting



D.C. Office of Planning Director Andy Altman addressed a progress reporting session on the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative Nov. 8 at the National Building Museum.

in a dynamic and spectacular setting for urban life.

The overriding principle which guides the Southwest Waterfront plan is to heal the City. To heal the scars of regional transportation intrusions to the core and segregation of neighborhoods. To heal the damage of environmental degradation from water and air pollution. To heal the damage from racial divides, and to heal the damage from administrative neglect. The overriding aim is to create healthy communities by creating physical links between communities, and between the communities to activities on the water." ■

Anacostia/SW Waterfront Planning

Focus group sessions and a public workshop in Southwest on Wed. and Thurs. Dec. 5 and 6 brought S.W. waterfront planning to a head, with a draft urban design plan for the Washington Channel promised for February, 2002.

The lead consulting firm of Hamilton, Rabinovitz & Alschuler, Inc. reported at a Thursday evening workshop in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church "the emerging design concepts" for the waterfront.

Group discussions over the two days covered the following topics:

- "Living Near the Washington Channel," – Should more housing be encouraged along the Washington channel? Along Maine Avenue? If so, what kind and at what densities? At what heights and with what adjacent uses?
- "Living and Playing On the Washington Channel," – The live-aboard and recreational boating community add a unique feature to the waterfront. What role should live-aboards play in the waterfront's revitalization? Should maritime and boating opportunities be made more accessible? How?

■ "Commerce On, Along and Near the Channel," – What is the desired mixture of uses in the Southwest? Which uses create mutual synergies and which are incompatible? How dense should commercial uses be? Should existing height limits be changed? What about parking? Pedestrians?

■ "Culture and Non-Profits Near the Channel," – How would a Museum or Memorial of national significance fit into the Southwest? Could it serve tourists and residents alike? What about other non-profit institutions? What role can these institutions play in the Southwest community?

The website for the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative is www.anacostiawaterfront.net.

The telephone number for the D.C. Office of Planning is 202-442-7600. ■

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American Education Week Celebrated

Students from three Southwest public schools performed as part of the American Education Week in November. ■

Adolfo Washington, a student at Bowen Elementary School, played the violin, accompanied by teacher J. Burrell.



Amidon Elementary School's choir sang. It was directed by Ms. P. Perry.



The choir of Jefferson Jr. High performed under the leadership of R. Williams.

S.W. Schools On Stanford 9 Tests

Public schools attended by Southwest youth did better than average D.C. schools on the annual Stanford 9 Math and Reading tests, but still have a large number of students scoring "below basic."

Wilson Senior High, attended by over 100 Southwest students, scored 4th highest of the 18 high school in math and 3rd highest in reading, but 30% of the students were below basic in reading and 50% in math.

Jefferson Jr. High is the 3rd best in reading of the 21 middle and junior high schools, and 5th best in math. Only 10% are below basic in reading and 32% in math.

Bowen was in the bottom half of the 105 elementary schools, with 45% of the students testing below basic in math and 40% in reading.

Amidon Elementary school scored 25th highest in math of the 105 elementary schools, with 37% of Amidon's students either proficient or advanced. In reading Amidon is 33rd highest, with 35% either proficient or advanced. ■



Jaymal Carroll, a S.W. student at the University of the District of Columbia, poses with Westminster Presbyterian Church's co-pastor Rev. Ruth Hamilton, after receiving one of the two annual grants awarded by the church to S.W. college students.



Officers of the Jefferson Jr. High PTA pose for a picture.

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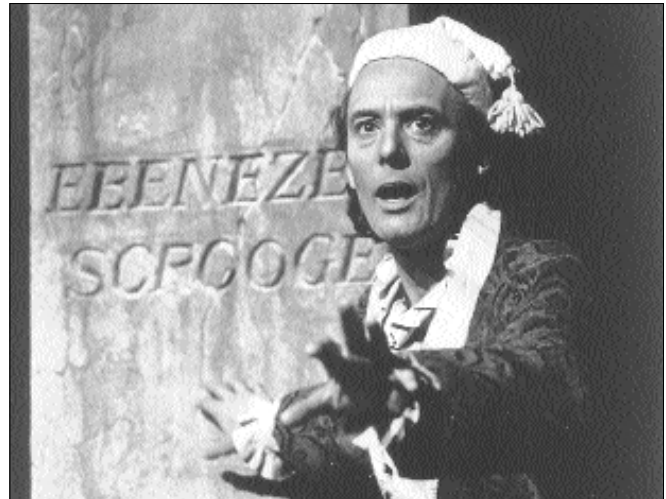
Blues and jazz classics by Harold Arlen, Johnny Mercer, Vernon Duke and Billy Strayhorn will bring a "dazzling night of music" to the Kreeger Theatre at Arena Stage for two months through February 3.

Sheldon Epps conceived and directed "Blues in the Night" on Broadway and in London, where the productions earned both Tony and Olivier Award nominations for Best Musical. ■

Desiree Urquhart At Arena Stage

A former fellow at Arena Stage during the 1999/2000 season, Desiree Urquhart has returned to the theater as associate executive director. She will be the theater's primary liaison with Washington's Southwest community.

Arena Stage Executive Director Stephen Richard announced the appointment. ■



Steven Crossley plays Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol" at Ford's Theatre through Sun. matinee, Dec. 30.

"Christmas Carol" At Ford's

Performances of this classic run through December 30th. See the Charles Dickens's story of the cold-hearted miser, Ebenezer Scrooge, who mends his ways and learns the true mean-

ing of Christmas. Although wealthy in gold, he has to learn that it is better to give than receive.

Ford's Theatre is at 511 - 10th St. N. W. Box office 202-347-4833. ■



One of many jazz groups that perform at Friday Night Jazz in S.W., and on Jan. 21, 2002, in honor Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday.

Jazz Events In January

The annual Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday all day jazz concert at Howard University will be held in 2002 on Monday, Jan. 21.

The free concert draws dozens of jazz artists giving tribute to Dr. King.

In Southwest, D.C., Friday Night Jazz

at Westminster Presbyterian Church will celebrate its third anniversary - over 150 Friday Night live concerts since it began in 1999 - on Friday, January 25 from 6 pm to 9 pm. Admission to the weekly concert is \$5; children are free. Food is for sale in the church hall.

Arena Stage
Pickup from Dec p3

World Bank Is A Good Neighbor

By Dale MacIver

Go to the Southwest Branch Library for a copy of the World Bank's "Community Outreach" report if you want to see how a large corporation based in Washington, D.C., can be a good citizen and good neighbor.

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The World Bank is the third-largest employer in the District of Columbia, with 8,000 employees representing 135 nationalities. Their worldwide mission is to reduce poverty in economically developing countries.

Active on World Bank's local outreach team is Thelma Jones, Southwest resident whose twenty years of experience in dozens of volunteer neighborhood programs equips her well for community outreach by a large corporation.

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Sports



Jefferson Jr. High's football team.

Jefferson Trojans

The Jefferson Junior High School football team completed a successful season in early November. The final record for the Trojans was 3-2.

This is the first team at Jefferson in three years.

Beginning in August, the team worked extremely hard. After losing to Hine Junior High School in the first week of the season, they rededicated themselves to the program and won their second game over Eliot in overtime.

The Trojans went on to win their next two games before losing their last game in the playoffs.

The coaching staff, school officials and student body are very proud of their team. ■

Bowen Bobcats Prepare For '02

By Alvin Hudgens

An afternoon visit to the newly renovated gymnasium at Anthony Bowen Elementary School will find the Bowen Bobcats busily preparing for the upcoming 2002 basketball season.

The Bobcats, are fresh from a very successful 2001 season that included 11 wins and one loss, an undefeated record at home and East Division and Region "A" championships.

They have high expectations for this season, including again challenging for the City Championship.

Under the direction of veteran teacher/coach Melvin Mayo, the bobcats stress strong fundamentals, a fast-breaking offense, and ball-hawking defense.

Hoping to lead the Bobcats are students Hasante Carson, Nelson Long, Rico Hines, Antonio Byrd, Katrina Watkins and Derrick Savoy. ■

2002 Season Approaches At MPB/G Club 4

by Alvin Hudgens

With three teams having won city championships in 2001, Metropolitan Police Boys & Girls Club #4 is looking forward to repeating in 2002. The super peewee, 10 and under and 16 and under basketball teams hope to repeat, while a second super peewee team, a 12 and under, 14 and under boys as well as a 15 and under girls are starting practice with an eye to the playoffs and championship games.

At 6:30 pm weekdays two new cheerleading teams of 10 girls each are practicing at the club.

New basketball players and cheerleaders are welcome. A registration fee of \$50 must be paid to headquarters for each player. Donations are welcome. Checks should be made out to MPB & G Club #4 and mailed to Al Hudgens, unit director, at the Bowen School address of Club #4, 101 M St. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024. ■

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Jefferson Was Post's "Team Of The Week"



Top row, from left: Marquis Turner, Troy Haliburton, Brian Kendrick, Brandon Young, Zachary Bagwell. Front row: Aaron Hall, Jarret Simpson, Brian Thomas, Darryle Kennedy, Jeffery Owens, Jason Green, Steve Alfaro.

Jefferson Jr. High is starting the basketball season defending the DCIAA junior high school city championship. In the championship game they defeated Hine 67-50, for a record of 20-3. They went to New York City, where they won a holiday basketball classic tournament. ■

Riverfront Tour Aboard "Finished Business"

Fifty Southwest residents toured the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers on a fundraising trip to benefit the History Task Force of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA).

Captain Eric Slaughter supplied his yacht "Finished Business" and gave a running description of the rivers and their history.



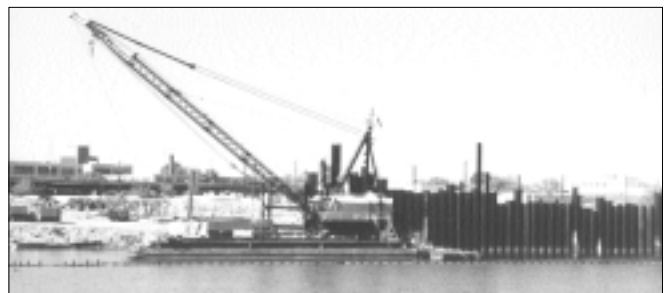
Margaret Feldman poses with Captain Eric Slaughter in front of his charter yacht "Finished Business," after the trip that raised several hundred dollars for the History Task Force of the SWNA, Inc.



Another view of the new buildings at the Navy Yard.



A view from the Anacostia River shows two buildings of the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) of the Navy Yard on the right, and a building in the Southeast Federal Center on the left.



At the foot of Half St. S.E. where it reaches the Potomac River, new piling is being driven into the ground for the Florida Rock Properties development of office and residential buildings. The land is currently occupied by Virginia Concrete, which mixes and batches gravel and stone aggregates brought by barge from the lower Potomac River.

Southwest Salutes Ofield Dukes

By Thelma Jones

Congratulations to long-time Southwest resident Ofield Dukes, a veteran in the field of public relations. Dukes was recently awarded the 2001 Gold Anvil Award by the Public Relations Society of America. The award is the PRSA's highest individual honor and is presented to public relations professionals whose accomplishments have advanced the profession and its positive visibility. He also received PRSA's Silver anvil Award in 1975.

Dukes relocated to Washington, D.C., in 1964 to join the Johnson-Humphrey administration, and later served three years on the staff of Vice President Humphrey. He is also credited for being instrumental in persuading Humphrey to live in Southwest.

Dukes started his public relations firm in 1969 with Motown as his first client and Lever Brothers as his second. He has been tabbed by the Washington Post as

"one of the top public relations persuaders in the city."

He helped organize the first Congressional Black Caucus dinner and served on the boards of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and the Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Nonviolent Social Change. He has also been a communications consultant for every Democratic presidential campaign since 1972. In 1993, he founded the Black Public Relations Society of Washington and presently serves as president of that organization.

For the past 17 years, he has taught at Howard University, in addition to teaching at the American University for eight years.

In Southwest, Dukes has served on the board of Directors of the Southwest Community Council, Inc., the former fiduciary funding arm of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, and other community projects.

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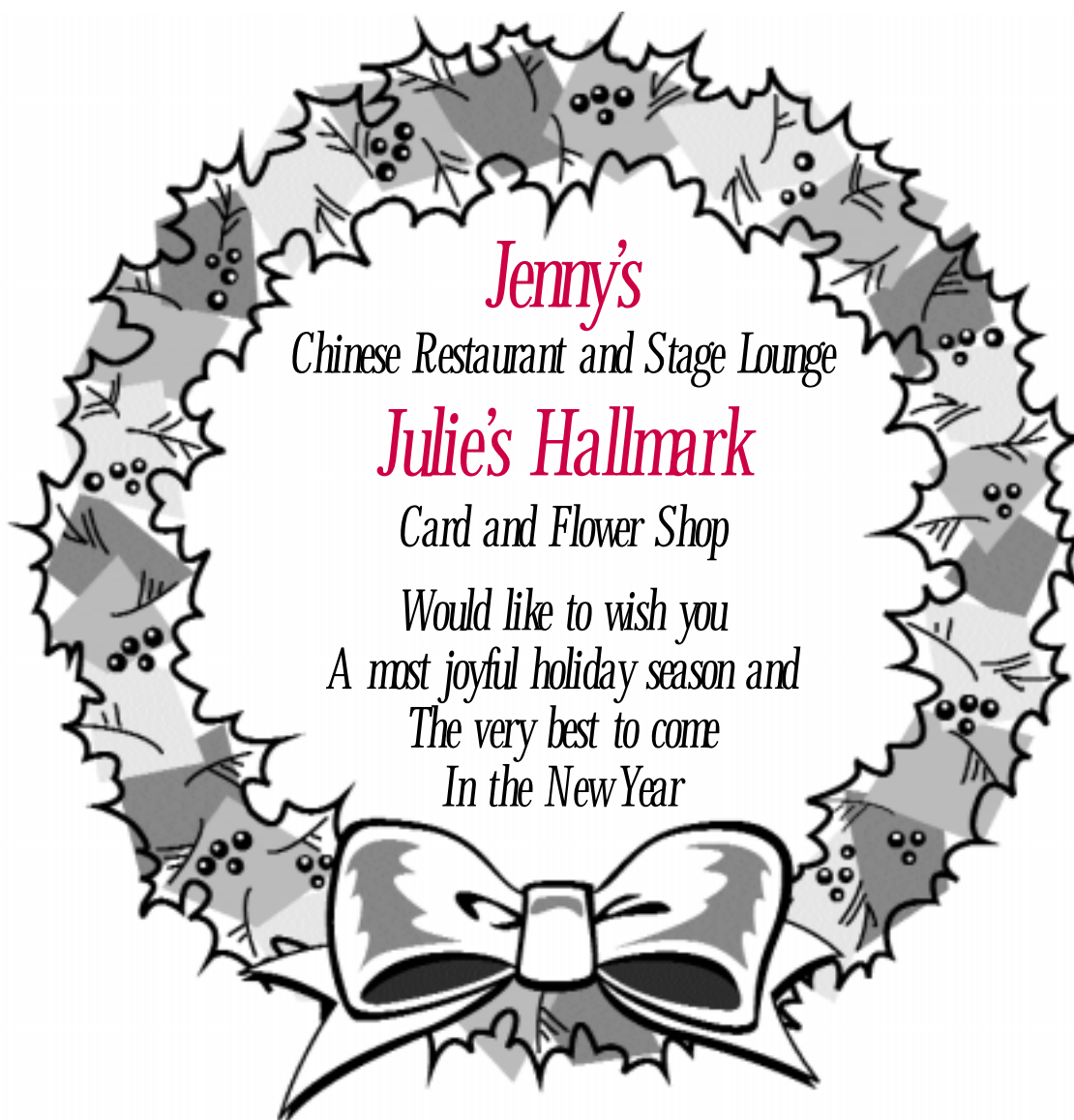
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